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Media Advisory

San Antonio Police to Receive \$6 Million Grant to Help Combat Crime

Who: San Antonio Police Department

San Antonio Fire Department

Bexar Metro 9-1-1

Bexar County Sheriff's Office

San Antonio Intergovernmental Relations

When: Wednesday, September 19th

3:30 p.m.

Where: SAPD Headquarters

Communications Center

Conference Room

San Antonio Police Chief William McManus along with special partners will announce the \$6 million grant that has been awarded to help law enforcement fight crime utilizing the latest communications technology.

The San Antonio Police Department is one of 37 law enforcement agencies across the country to receive a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

The grant was awarded under the COPS Technology Program and will be used to support the development of integrated computer capabilities among emergency response agencies within the region served by the grant. It will cover the purchase of equipment, enhancements to data network infrastructures, and project management expense.

"This information sharing among emergency response agencies crosses over jurisdictional bounderies and will improve our crime-fighting cabilities as well as improve emergency services to our communities." says Chief Bill McManus.

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